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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 01-90
ET Docket No. 95-85
RM 9096

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") and the ITS America organization have both participated in the above-referenced proceedings concerning direct short-range communications ("DSRC"). Until very recently, ITS America has served as DOT's federal advisory committee with respect to intelligent transportation system matters, including DSRC. I am writing to inform the Commission and all interested persons that, as of March 17, 2003, this is no longer the case.

DOT is now in the process of chartering a new federal advisory committee. I will report to the Commission when that process is complete. I wish to clarify as well that this change in advisory committees does not suggest an intention on the part of DOT to revisit the positions taken or technical standards and licensing and service rules proposed by ITS America and supported by DOT in any of the above proceedings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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